को बेहतर बनाने के लिए उनसे संबद्ध समस्याओं की पुनरीक्षा करने के लिए की गई है। परमाणु विद्युत संयंत्रों के उपस्करों और संघटकों के कार्य-निष्पादन को बेहतर बनाना सुनिश्चित करने के लिए किए गए अन्य उपाय है परिस्थितियों का मानीटरन, निवारक और प्रागुक्ति परक अनुरक्षण तथा प्रचालन कार्मिकों को सेवा कालीन प्रशिक्षण देना।

Rural Households and Residential Houses

449. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of rural households in the country;

(b) the number of rural residential houses in the country;

(c) what is the requirement of houses in the rural areas, and

(d) what is the strategy about this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) The number of rural households and the number of rural residential houses in the country are 111.59 million and 108.47 million respectively.

(c) and (d) The requirement of houses in the rural areas is 13.72 million. To overcome this, the Government has drawn up an Action Plan to provide houses to all homeless rural poor by the year 2000 A.D.

Per Capita Power Consumption

450. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the annual per capita power consumption in each state and the country as a whole as on the 30th June, 1996;

(b) the reasons for short supply of power to Gujarat, particularly in Saurashtra region, in comparison to its basic requirement;

(c) the annual demand of power in each district, in the last three years, district-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the details of measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Central Government to bring the same at par with the national level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) State-wise per capita consumption of power during 1994-95 is given in Statement (*See* below). The figures upto 30th June, 1996 have not been worked out so far.

(b) and (c) Supply of power in a particular area/region/district in a State is within the authority of State Government/State Electricity Boards. The power supply position in Gujarat during 1993-94 to 1995-96 is as per details given below:

	(Figures in MU net) 1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Requirement	29860	31985	36895
Availability	28502	30678	34733
Shortage	1358	1307	2162
%Shortage	4.5	4.1	5.9

(d) Varjous measures taken to improve the availability of power in Gujarat include capacity addition, maximising generation from existing capacity, implementation of R&M programme, reduction of T&D losses, effective load management and energy conservation measures and obtaining assistance from neighbouring States/Systems.

Statement

State-wise Annual per capita consumption of Electricity during the year 1994-95

Figures in KWH)

Name of the Region/State	1994-95
NONTHERN REGION	
Chandigarh	676.27
Delhi	745.61
Haryana	477.83
Himachal Pradesh	251.03
Jammu & Kashmir	210.88
Punjab	785.55
Rajasthan	265.88
Uttar Pradesh	197.32
SUB-TOTAL N.R.	302.82
WESTERN REGION	
Gujarat	598.65
Madhya Pradesh	334.34
Maharashtra	498.95
Goa	601.37
Deman & Diu	1552.36
Dadra & Nagar Heveli	1574.40
Sub-total W.R.	464.65
Southern Region	
Andhra Pradesh	371.34
Karnataka	362.85
Kerala	235.72
Tamil Nadu	430.62
Pondicherry	968.11
Lakshadweep	185.00
SUB-TOTAL W.R.	368.37
EASTERN REGION	
Bihar	129.91
Orissa	321.16
West Bengal	175.74
A & N Islands	178.34
Sikkim	143.07
SUB-TOTAL E.R.	178.86
EASTERN REGION	
Arunachal Pradesh	65.76
Assam	104.27
Manipur	129.15
Meghalaya	136.46
Mizoram	111.74
Nagaland	59.02
Tripura	66.28
SUB-TOTAL N.E.R.	101.53
ALL INDIA	318.84

Oman-India Sub-Sea Gas Pipeline Project

451. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage the project of Oman-India sub-sea gas pipeline is pending;

(b) the details of the financers of this joint project including its total cost; and

(c) whether any agreements to lay this pipeline have been signed with conerned countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALU): (a) The Oman Oil Company (OOC) has taken up feasibility study for the Oman-India pipeline project. The feasibility study is yet to be completed.

(b) OOC has indicated that the cost of the Oman-India pipeline project would be around USD 5 billion. OOC has not indicated the sources of finance for the project.

(c) An agreement on Principle Terms was signed by India and Oman in September, 1994.

Scheme of HUDCO to Encourage House Building Activities

452. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) where housing and urban Development Corporation has taken up the scheme to encourage house building activities in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial allocations made to each of the State, Staet-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) HUDCO provides loan assistance to various housing agencies in States/UTs for implementation of housing suchemes in urban and